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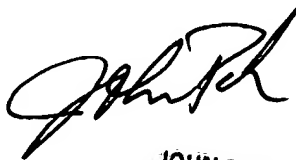
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The Examiner appreciates the election without traverse in Paper No. 5 (8/8/2002). However, the election is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): election of the species for (i) appears to be incomplete. The way the election is stated, elected subject matter of (i) really reads almost the entire claimed subject matter. Applicant does not positively state that the elected (i) is the reaction product from oxidation of geranylgeraniol; rather, applicant states that the elected (i) is "peroxidic species' or reaction product from oxidation of alkene, wherein the alkene may be, for example, geranylgeraniol." Consequently, applicant has not specifically elected any single species of (i) at all -- the elected (i) reads on almost all of the claimed subject matter. Therefore, the election is incomplete with respect to (i). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Applicant is invited to telephone the Examiner at (703)308-4538 to arrange for a fax reply to complete the election. The fax number applicant should use, upon notifying the Examiner that a fax is about to be transmitted, is (703)308-7924. This way the Examiner can personally receive the fax and expedite the further handling of this application. For general inquiries the Technology Center 1600 Group Receptionist's telephone number is (703)308-1235. In the event that attempts to reach the Examiner are not successful, the Examiner's Supervisor is Jose Dees, whose telephone number is (703)308-4628.


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